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SUBJ: FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE ON KOREA : DEC 4

REF: STATE 2659781. FIRST COMMITTEE MORNING AND AFTERNOON DEC 4
HEARD 20 SPEAKERS IN GENERAL DEBATE ON KOREA QUESTION AND 4
ON AMENDMENTS AND POINTS OF INFORMATION. GENERAL
DEBATE SPEAKERS WERE: ROMANIA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC, ALBANIA, COLOMBIA, POLAND, ZAMBIA, URUGUAY,
EQUATORIAL GUINEA, SIERRA LEONE, CANADA, MALI, USSR, COSTA RICA,
BELGIUM, MAURITANIA, SOMALIA, NORTH KOREA, NIGERIA, DEMOCRATIC
YEMEN AND THAILAND.

2. AT CLOSE OF AFTERNOON MEETING, FIRST COMMITTEE SECRETARY
RESPONDED TO NOV 29 REQUEST OF AMB DRISS FOR INFORMATION
FROM UN SECRETARIAT ON NATURE AND COMPOSITION OF UN COMMAND.
SECRETARIAT STATEMENT REFERRED FIRST TO 1950 SC RESOLUTION ESTA-
BLISHING UNIFIED COMMAND AND REQUESTING US TO PROVIDE SC WITH
REPORTS "AS APPROPRIATE." HE MENTIONED JULY 25, 1950
LETTER FROM US PERMREP TRANSMITTING FAR EAST COMMAND
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF UN COMMAND INCONFORMITY

WITH SC RESOLUTION AND THEN LISTED VARIOUS UNC REPORT RECEIVED UNTIL 1970. WHILE NOTING THAT ADDITIONAL REPORTS TRANSMITTED THROUGH UNCURK UNTIL 1973, SECRETARIAT SAID THESE REPORTS " DO NOT INCLUDE INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC MATTERS SUCH AS POINTS RAISED BY AMB DRISS, OR ALARCON" AND CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT SUCH INFORMATION WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM US SOURCES. CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON IMMEDIATELY TOOK FLOOR TO SAY THAT SECRETARIAT REPORT DEMONSTRATED THAT UN KNEW NOTHING ABOUT NATURE OF UN COMMAND IN GREAT CONTRAST TO DETAILED KNOWLEDGE IT HAD OF OTHER PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WHICH IT HAD AUTHORIZED. HE CHARGED SECRETARIAT REPORT PROOF THAT UN COMMAND IS JUST FRAUDULENT COVER FOR US FORCES. IN VERY JUDICIOUS STATEMENT, TUNISIAN PERMREP DRISS RESERVED HIS RIGHT TO COMMENT LATER ON ISSUE AFTER STUDYING DOCUMENTS LISTED BUT SAID HE STILL HAD MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.

3. ROMANIA, GDR, ALBANIA, POLAND, ZAMBIA, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, SIERRA LEONE, MALI, USSR, MAURITANIA, SOMALIA, NORTH KOREA, NIGERIA, AND DEMOCRATIC YEMEN ATTACKED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WITH ARGUMENTS ALREADY CITED IN REPORT OF DEC 3 DEBATE IN FIRST COMMITTEE COLOMBIA, URUGUAY, CANADA, COSTA RICA, BELGIUM AND THAILAND ALL SPOKE IN FAVOR OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, POINTING OUT NECESSITY OF ASSURING CONTINUITY OF ARMISTICE MACHINERY TO PRESERVE PEACE ON KOREAN PENINSULA.

4. LIBERIAN DELEGATE JOHNSON MADE BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT ON BEHALF OF COSPONSORS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, INFORMING COMMITTEE OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF FRENCH AMENDMENT, REQUESTING THAT IT BE INCORPORATED INTO RESOLUTION TO BE ISSUED AS NEW DOCUMENT WITH NUMBER A/C.1/L.676/REV.1 AND STATING THAT HE HOPED OUR AGREEMENT TO FRENCH RESOLUTION WOULD ENCOURAGE EVEN GREATER SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AS IT "SEEKS TO HARMONIZE DIFFERING VIEWS" ON KOREA QUESTION.

5. FINAL EVENT IN FIRST COMMITTEE WAS INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT TO REVISED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BY SAUDI ARABIAN PERMREP BAROODY (SEPTEL).

6. FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST:

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NORTH KOREA: CONTRARY TO RUMOR CIRCULATING UN MORNING DEC 4, NORTH KOREANS IN THEIR SPEECH MADE NO REPEAT NO DIPLOMATIC OVERTURE TOWARD US. NORTH KOREAN STATEMENT WAS VIOLENT ATTACK ON US (SEPTEL) WHICH ATTRIBUTED FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO FORMER COMMANDER OF US 8TH ARMY: " KILL ALL WHO APPEAR BEFORE YOU. YOUR HANDS SHOULD NOT TREMBLE EVEN IF THOSE APPEARING BEFORE YOU ARE CHILDREN OR OLD MEN. YOU OUGHT TO FUFILL YOUR DUTIES AS

AMERICAN CITIZENS BY KILLING MORE KOREANS. " NORTH KOREAN VICE FONMIN LI SAID THAT "BARBAROUS ATROCITIES OF MASSACRE COMMITTED BY THE US TROOPS DURING THE KOREAN WAR UNDER THE FLAG OF THE

UNITED NATIONS HAVE BEEN WELL EXPOSED BEFORE THE WORLD." HE CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED THE FRENCH AMENDMENT WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD ENABLE US TROOPS TO REMAIN IN KOREA.

7. USSR: IN LENGTHY STATEMENT USSR PERMREP MALIK CITED IMPROVED CONDITIONS THAT NOW EXIST FOR SOLUTION OF KOREAN QUESTION AND FAVORABLE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE. HE REFERRED TO PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT VISIT TO SOVIET UNION AND SAID NEW MOMENTUM TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL DETENTE SHOULD HAVE EFFECT ON ASIA TOO. MALIK SAID UN COMMAND WAS PARADOXICAL SINCE IT CONSISTED OF "TROOPS OF JUST ONE STATE ILLEGALLY USING FLAG OF UN" AND HE SAID THAT PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA WAS A DANGEROUS SOURCE OF TENSION IN AREA.

MALIK, LIKE MANY OF OTHER SUPPORTERS OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION, PRAISED JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JULY 4, 1972 AND NORTH KOREA 5 POINT PEACE PROPOSAL. HE ACCUSED "PUPPET REGIME" IN SEOUL OF RELYING ON OUTSIDE SUPPORT TO REJECT ALL THRESE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR PEACE, AND CITED PRESENCE OF 38,000US TROOPS AS MOST "FLAGRANT AND ODIIOUS" WEAPON OF INTERVENTION IN KOREA.

HE CONTINUED THAT WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS WAS NEXT LOGICAL STEP TO LAST YEARS DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK AND TO STRENGTHEN PEACE IN KOREA. HE POINTED OUT "ABSURDITY" OF CLAIMS THAT THESE TROOPS PROTECT SOUTH FROM NORTH SINCE SOUTH HAS A LARGER POPULATION AND A LARGER AND BETTER EQUIPPED ARMY.

8. ALBANIAN STATEMENT ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS VIOLENT ATTACK ON US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAN NORTH KOREAN STATEMENT. ALBANIAN PERMREP NACO ACCUSED US OF BRUTAL INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH KOREA IN COMMON WITH A "FASCIST PUPPET" SOUTH KOREAN REGIME AND OF ATTEMPT TO LEGALIZE US OCCUPATION OF KOREA. BENNETT

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